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To whom it may concern,

Please note the public comment period ending December 31, 2015 for the attached Combined Notice: Finding of No Significant Impact and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds (FONSI/NOIROF). This notice is in regards to the City of Wolf Point, MT's application to the Montana Department of Commerce HOME program for funding towards a 28-unit apartment complex to be built within the city limits of Wolf Point, MT.

Please send any public comment to the Montana Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, MT 59620.

Sincerely,

Brianna Vine
Housing Specialist

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**COMBINED NOTICE: FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT and NOTICE TO PUBLIC
OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS (FONSI/NOI/RROF)**

Date of Publication of Notice: **Tuesday, November 24, 2015**

City of Wolf Point

City, Town or County

201 4th Avenue South

Mailing Address

Wolf Point, MT 59201

City, State, Zip Code

(406) 653-1852

Telephone

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about **December 14, 2015** the above-named **City of Wolf Point** will request the Montana Department of Commerce (DOC) to release HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds provided under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-625).

Northstar Apartments

HOME Project Title or Name

The proposed Northstar Apartments will consist of 28 rental units, six (6) of which will be designated as HOME units and will follow Montana HOME program rent limit requirements.

Purpose or Nature of the HOME Project *(Insert brief description.)*

Wolf Point, Roosevelt County, Montana

Location - City, County, State - of HOME Project

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above named **City of Wolf Point** has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL 91-190).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows *(Set forth reasons for decision.)*:

It has been determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act is not required.

An Environmental Review Record documenting review of all project activities in respect to impacts on the environment has been made by the above-named **City of Wolf Point**. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request between the hours of **8:00am** and **5:00pm**.

No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of HOME project funds.

Public Comments on Findings

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Wolf Point to the Montana Department of Commerce Housing Division on or before December 9, 2015. All such comments so received will be considered and the City of Wolf Point will not request release of funds or take any administrative action on the project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The City of Wolf Point will undertake the project described above with HOME funds provided by DOC as authorized by the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-625), as amended. City of Wolf Point is certifying to DOC that Chris Dschaak, in his official capacity as Mayor consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on the certification is that upon its approval, the City of Wolf Point may use the HOME funds and DOC will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The Department of Commerce will accept an objection to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification only if it is on one of the following bases:

- (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the chief executive officer or other officer approved by the Department of Commerce;
- (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding, or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process;
- (c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by DOC; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental design.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Department of Commerce, Community Development Division, 301 S. Park Avenue, P.O. Box 200523, Helena, Montana 59620.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by DOC. No objection received after December 31, 2015 will be considered by DOC.

Chris Dschaak, Mayor

Name of Environmental Certifying
Officer or Chief Elected Official

November 24, 2015

Date

201 4th Avenue South

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Wolf Point, MT 59201

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